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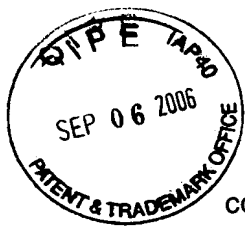
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The documents listed on the information disclosure statement were cited in a Communication dated June 8, 2006 from the European Patent Office in the corresponding EP application No. 06003977.3 not more than three months prior to even date of this submission.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	<b>A</b>	<b>6,047,551</b>	<b>04/11/2000</b>	<b>Ishiguro</b>			
	<b>B</b>	<b>5,651,252</b>	<b>07/29/1997</b>	<b>Ansart et al.</b>			
	<b>C</b>	<b>5,339,635</b>	<b>08/23/1994</b>	<b>Iwai et al.</b>			
	<b>D</b>	<b>5,241,818</b>	<b>09/07/1993</b>	<b>Shekleton et al.</b>			
	<b>E</b>	<b>4,967,561</b>	<b>11/06/1990</b>	<b>Brühwiler et al.</b>			
	<b>F</b>	<b>4,356,698</b>	<b>11/02/1982</b>	<b>Chamberlain</b>			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
							YES	NO
	<b>G</b>	<b>1223383</b>	<b>07/17/2002</b>	<b>EP</b>				
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